

Small Farmer Initiative Application and Ranking Sheet

South Carolina – FY 2005

Name:	Cropland Ac:	Woodland Ac:
Address:	Pastureland Ac:	HEL Acres:
City:	Current USDA Customer?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
State:	Zip Code:	*Limited Resource Farmer? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Phone: ()	County:	

ELIGIBILITY

(Note: Questions must be answered "YES" to be eligible for this initiative.)	YES	NO
1. Do you have less than 100 acres of cropland <i>or</i> pastureland?		
2. If you have cropland, are you willing to plant at least 10% of your cropland to alternative crop(s)? (Note: Alternative crops are not traditional crops such as cotton, soybeans, rice, grain sorghum, field corn, wheat, or similar crops grown on large acreage and produced for off-farm sale.)		
3. If you have pastureland, are you willing to follow a prescribed grazing plan?		
4. Are you willing to register as a customer in Service Center Information Management System (SCIMS)?		

SIGNING POINTS

	YES	NO
5. Do you have Highly Erodible Crop Field(s) on your operation?	10	0
6. Have you ever received assistance from NRCS and do you have a conservation plan for your farm?	0	10
Sub-Total Signing Points		

Circle any of the following concerns that you have on your farm.

Surface Water Quality – Runoff of nutrients and organics	10
Water Quantity – Water management and irrigation	10
Soil Quality – Erosion control above soil loss tolerance (T) with wind and/or water	10
Sub-Total Signing Points	

Circle select practices to treat your resource concerns listed above:

Surface Water Quality	Points	Soil Quality	Points
Nutrient Management (590) – Record Keeping Incentive <i>"Required for all plans"</i>	0	Nutrient Management (590) – Record Keeping Incentive <i>"Required for all plans"</i>	0
Nutrient Management (590) <i>and</i> Pest Management (595)	40	Cover Crop (340) <i>or</i> Conservation Tillage System (329A)	20 30
Pasture and Hayland Planting (512)	40	Critical Area Planting (342)	40
Prescribed Grazing (528)	40	Herbaceous Wind Barrier (603)	25
Fence (382)	30	Filter Strip (393)	30
Riparian Buffer (391)	20	Riparian Buffer (391)	30
Water Quantity		Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)	25
Structure for Water Control (587)	50	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)	25
Irrigation Water Management (449)	30	Wildlife Habitat Management (645)	25
Well (642)	30	Rotation Disking (647)	25
Water Facility (614)	30	Heavy Use Area (561)	20
Pipeline (516)	20	Pasture and Hayland Planting (512)	20
Heavy Use Area (561)	20	Sub-Total Signing Points	
Micro Irrigation (441)	40	Sub-Total Concern & Practice Points	
		Total Points	

Cost Share/Incentive Payment Estimate in Dollars: \$ _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

For the SC Small Farmer Initiative, a **limited resource farmer** is defined as a farmer who is financially challenged.